

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

In the Office Action, Examiner notes claims 1-18 as pending in the application. Examiner objected to claims 2, 4, 7, and 9; claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, and 10 stand rejected. Applicant has canceled the rejected claims and rewritten the claims objected to so that they include the limitations of the claim from which they depend. Applicant has listed and identified unelected claims as 'Withdrawn.'

Applicant appreciates Examiner's recognition of novelty claimed by the claims that will remain pending following entry of this Amendment. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the amended claims.

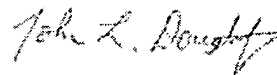
SUMMARY

For all the reasons advanced above, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance and that action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that there are any issues that can be resolved by a telephone conference, or that there are any informalities that can be corrected by an Examiner's amendment please contact the undersigned at the mailing address, telephone, facsimile number, or e-mail address indicated below.

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